

REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Disclosure Objections

The Examiner objected to the abstract because proper language and format of the abstract.

The Examiner objected to claim 22 because it recites that the communication link having lower bandwidth that the main system bus which is not mentioned in the specification.

The Examiner objected to claim 14 because it recites the phrase "the subsystem to acknowledge a communication" in line 2. It is unclear whether the communication recited in claim 14 is one of the communications recited in claim 12 or some other communication.

The Examiner objected to claim 15 because in line 2, "an power state controller" should be "a power state controller."

The Examiner objected to 20 because it recites the phrase "the subsystem to acknowledge a communication" in line 2. It is unclear whether the communication recited in claim 20 is one of the communications recited in claim 18 or some other communication.

The Examiner also objected to 20 because a period "." is missing.

Appropriate corrections have been made with the foregoing amendments.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 12, 14, 18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,446,214 (hereinafter "Chrysanthakopoulos").

To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) ¶ 2131.)

Examiner has also rejected claims 15, 17, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Woog in view of U.S. Patent 5,978,922 (hereinafter "Arai").

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). (Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) ¶ 2143.03).

Applicant's independent claims include limitations that are not disclosed nor suggested by Chrysanthakopoulos. As a result, applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by Chrysanthakopoulos, nor are applicant's independent claim unpatentable in view of Chrysanthakopoulos.

In particular, Chrysanthakopoulos does not disclose nor suggest the claimed limitation of *an autonomous subsystem*, as claimed by applicant in claim 1, and included in remaining independent claims.

Furthermore, the remaining claims that were also rejected as being anticipated by, or unpatentable in view of Chrysanthakopoulos, depend from one of the independent claims discussed above and therefore also include the distinguishing claim limitations. As a result, the remaining dependent claims are also not anticipated by Chrysanthakopoulos, nor unpatentable in view of Chrysanthakopoulos.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

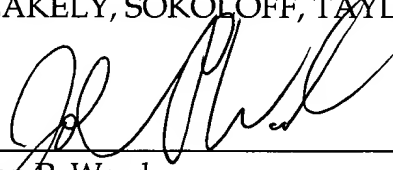
Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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